

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A therapeutic system for ~~[[the]]~~ oral administration of one or more active ingredients in the form of a tablet, ~~characterized by the fact of comprising said tablet~~ comprising a nucleus containing the active ingredient(s) completely coated by a film ~~coating~~ of polymeric material, insoluble in and impermeable to aqueous fluids, on which have been made one or more incisions which define an area of predetermined dimensions and shape as a function of ~~[[the]]~~ desired rate and ~~[[the]]~~ progress of release of the active ingredient(s) ~~desired~~, said release taking place from the area of the nucleus underlying the surfaces of the film coating ~~film~~ delimited by the incision(s), said incision(s)-delimited film coating being ~~which is removed~~ when the therapeutic system comes into contact with aqueous fluids.
2. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the nucleus comprises one or more polymeric substances ~~[[able]]~~ to modulate the release of the active ingredient(s) ~~ingredient~~.
3. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein said polymeric substances ~~constitute~~ comprise between 1% and 90% in weight of said nucleus.
4. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The therapeutic system according to claim 3, ~~in which~~ wherein said polymeric substances ~~constitute~~ comprise between 5% and 50% in weight of ~~[[the]]~~ said nucleus.
5. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the nucleus further comprises one or more disaggregating agents, ~~and/or~~ super disaggregating agents, or a combination thereof.
6. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the nucleus further comprises one or more effervescent mixtures.
7. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the nucleus further comprises hydrophilic diluents, ~~and/or~~ wetting agents, or a combination thereof.

8. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the nucleus further comprises hydrophobic diluents.
9. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the nucleus further comprises one or more substances selected from binding agents, lubricants, buffers, anti-adherents, glidants, or ~~[[and]]~~ plasticisers.
10. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the insoluble film coating ~~film~~ comprises one or more plasticizing substances.
11. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the insoluble film coating ~~film~~ ~~constitutes~~ comprises from 0.2% to 30% ~~in weight~~ of the total weight of the tablet.
12. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 11, ~~in which~~ wherein the insoluble film coating ~~film~~ ~~constitutes~~ comprises from 2% to 25% ~~in weight~~ of the total weight of the tablet.
13. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the incision(s) define an area of dimensions comprised of between 2% and 80% of the total surface of the film coating. ~~film~~.
14. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 13, ~~in which~~ wherein the incision(s) define an area of dimensions comprised of between 5% and 70% of the total surface of the film coating. ~~film~~.
15. (Currently amended) The therapeutic system according to claim 1, ~~in which onto~~ wherein the insoluble film coating ~~film~~ comprises a second film of gastroresistant and enterosoluble polymeric coating ~~[[is]]~~ applied thereon.
16. (Currently amended) A process ~~for the manufacture of a~~ of making the therapeutic system according to claim 1, comprising creating the incision(s) in the film coating with a laser. ~~characterized by the fact that the incision(s) in the coating film are made by laser.~~

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17. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 16, ~~in which~~ wherein the
incision(s) in the film coating ~~film are made~~ are created with a CO₂ laser device having a power
of 20 W.

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